

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Refugee Programs Branch is to provide state level leadership and coordination of refugee programs and services to achieve successful refugee resettlement and self-sufficiency.*

## OPERATING PRINCIPLES

- ☆ The state will make available to local government the maximum amount of resources based on federal guidelines, cost and program effectiveness.
- ☆ The state recognizes and supports the maximum amount of local government flexibility in developing a delivery system to meet the needs of refugee resettlement.
- ☆ The state is committed to the responsible and effective resettlement of refugees in California. Responsible and effective resettlement is defined as:
  - Attainment of sustainable, economic self-sufficiency;
  - Peaceful inclusion in the wider community;
  - Ongoing participation in education and training for adults and children;
  - Maintenance of self-determination of cultural, religious and linguistic traditions; and
  - Attainment of citizenship and civic participation.
- ☆ The state is committed to maximizing access to public, nonprofit, and government resources to support refugee employment training, education, social services and health services.
- ☆ The state will pursue Refugee Program activities that have clearly identified program outcomes and measurable performance indicators.